

MAJOR GENERAL TIMOTHY R. LARSEN



Deputy Commander, United States Forces, Japan

Major General Larsen is currently serving as Deputy Commander, United States Forces, Japan.

Major General Larsen is from Denver, Colorado. After graduation from Brigham Young University, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps through Platoon Leaders Course in 1973. Since his commissioning and completion of The Basic School, Major General Larsen has held a variety of command and staff positions. He has commanded at every level from platoon through regiment.

In the operating forces, his command assignments include; rifle platoon, weapons platoon, Headquarters and Service Company, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines and Rifle Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division (1974-1976); Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, 2d Marine Division (1982-1983); 3d Battalion, 9th Marines, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division (1994-1996); 4th Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division (1997-1999); Assistant Division Commander, 1st Marine Division (1999-2001); and Commanding General, Coalition Joint Task Force-Kuwait (Forward) (2000-2001); Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Smedley D. Butler, Okinawa, Japan (2001 ? 2003).

His other command assignments include the Marine Detachment, USS Saratoga, CV-60 (1976-1978); Marine Corps Recruiting Station, Phoenix, Arizona (1984-1987); Marine Corps Jungle Warfare Training Center (1997-1998); and Camp Schwab, MCB Butler, Okinawa, Japan (1997-1999).

His staff assignments include battalion adjutant, company executive officer (1974-1976); fire support coordinator (1982-1983); battalion operations officer (1983-1984); Strategic Initiatives Officer, Policy and Strategy Division, Plans and Policy Directorate (J5), United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) (1988-1991). Major General Larsen deployed to Saudi Arabia with USCENTCOM during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Other staff assignments include G3 Plans Officer, 1st Marine Division (1993-1994); and Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations (G3), 3d Marine Division (1996-1997).

He has attended several military schools to include; Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School (1982); College of Naval Command and Staff, Newport, Rhode Island (1988); Japanese Language Course, Defense Language Institute, Monterey, California (1992); and Japanese National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS), Tokyo, Japan (1993). Additionally, he holds an M.A. in International Relations from Salve Regina University (1988) and a M.A. in National and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College (1988).

His personal awards include: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

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